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THE FIRST PRINCIPLES of a Christian.

Questions and Answers vpon the
*Creed, the ten Commandements, the
Sacraments, and the Lords Prayer, for
the further opening of the ordinary
Catechisme.*

Very fit to be learned of all Children.

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*Teach a Child the trade of his way, and when
he is old he shall not depart from it.*

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To all faithfull Pastors, my fellow-laboureres in the worke of the L ORD.

Tmay perhaps seeme strange vnto you, beloued Brethren, that I shalld put forth these first Principles of a Christian, after so many and so excellent Catechismes, in there vse so profitable, already put forth; But let this serue for answere, that none as yet haue expounded the ordinary Catechisme that euer I did see.

And againe, that I doe find this most profitable, for the people of mine owne charge; and if it may be beneficall vnto others also, I haue my desire. Now mine exhortation vnto you all, is, that you would bee most diligent & faithful, as in generall, to take heed vnto the whole flocke ouer which the holy Ghost hath made *you Ouerseers*, so more specially to Catechize the younger sort, let them haue the sincere milke of the Word, that they may grow thereby; they are *Messis in herba*, the hope our haruest hereafter: Remember that our Saujour doth charge vs al, not onely to feed *πάποςα*, his *Sheepe*, the elder sort, but hee doth also introyne vs in the first place, and vpon our loue

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to feede ~~my~~, his Lambes : the one must haue strong meat that the faint not ; the other must haue the sincere milke of the Word , that they may become strong men in Christ . Remember that if thou teach a yong man the trade of his way, when he is old he shall not depart from it : If you season his mind with Grace in childhood, his heart shall be established with grace in manhood, *Adeo à teneris assuescere magnum est :* On the other side , the neglect of this catechising our youth , and seasoning their tender hearts with the true knowledge of God , is *nostris fundi calamitas :* wee see by miserable experiance the want thereof : how many of our young men , to the great disgrace of the Gospell , are ryotous Swaggerers , horrible Blasphemers , filthy Drunkards , and a great deale more: the blood of whose perishing soules doe cry vnto God against negligent and idle Pastors , which onely feed themselues . It is true , that our incouragements vpon earth are small ; yet here is our comfort , that if wee be faithfull and diligent , and doe the worke of the Lord with all our strength , wee shall then make our account with ioy : and when the Chiese Shephard of the Flocke shall appeare , wee shall receiuie an incorruptible Crowne of Glory : Yee, when other righteous men shall
only

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only shine like the Firmament, wee shall shine
like the Stars in the Firmament for euermore;
Which G o d the righteous Judge grant for his
Sones sake, Amen.

Your brother and fellow labourer,
W.H.



The Authors Epistle.

To all Christian Parents and Fa-
thers of Families; chiefly to
those of his owne charge.

I Haue imprinted this short sume of the Principles
of Christian Religion, for the good of your
selues, and your Families. Mine Exhortation
therefore unto you is ,first, to learne these things
your selues, then to teach your children at home;
thirdly, to seethem present in publike Assemblies
of the Church, there to be taught also. So shall you
discharge a great dutie which you doe owe unto
your God, and also unto your Families. For doth
not the Lord say, These words which I command
thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou

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shalt rehearse them continually vnto thy chil-
dren: Your God requireth it, you must performe
it. O that you would learne the resolution of Io-
shua, Let others doe as they will, but I and mine
household will serue the Lord: and let all Matrons
say with Ester, I and my Maids will doe the
like: And indeed it cannot bee, if your selues be
truely conuerted vnto God, but that both out of
your zeale unto his glory, and loue unto your chil-
dren, you must needs labour to make them pro-
selytes vnto heauen. For as our Saviour saith of Za-
cheus Conuersion, This day is saluatō come vnto
this house, yet there was none conuerted but
Zacheus onely: But Christ spake of that which
must needs follow that all the rest of that Family
having so effectuall meanes of Grace must needs
be conuerted: And therfore I say vnto you as our
Saviour did vnto Peter, When thou art con-
uerted, strengthen thy Brethen: and so you
being made true Proselytes unto Christ, endeavor
by all meanes to make all your children and fami-
ly to be euen as you are. The Lord make you all
herein faithfull, so shall you haue a blessing of all
earthly blessings the greatest, euен a blessing in
your posterite, which the Lord grant for his
Christs sake, Amem.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ.

W.H.



The Authors Epistle.

To all Christian Children, e-
specially to them of his owne
charge.

These first Principles of Christianitie
(deare children) doe I offer vnto you for
the good of your soules; and what is my desire
herein, but that you should consecrat the first
fruits of your age, and strength, in seruice vnto
Christ? Why should Sathan seize vpon your
soules in childhood? Why should the world
allure youre tender hearts vnto vanitie? Re-
member that ye were baptizid in Infancie, to
signifie that euен then you were dedicated
vnto Christ. Endeavour therefore to learne to
know the Principles of that religion into the
which you are baptizeed, and , so grow every
day in Grace, and in the knowledge of the
Mystery of Godlinessse, that so you may bee as
*Timothy was, who knew the Scriptures from his
Chilhood, who after so grew vp, that hee was*

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ioyned as an assistant with St. Paul that great Apostle, in his labour: so shall you in old age, when death approacheth, say with holy P O L I C A R P V S , This fourscore and sixe yeares hane I serued Christ, that was from his Infancy: so shall you all your life long injoy much peace in your soules, euen that peace which is a continuall Feast, and passeth all vnderstanding.

The Lord season your tender hearts with

his grace every day more and
more, for his Sons sake

Christ Iesus,

Amen.

Yours in the Lord Iesus

W. H.



Questions and Answeres vp-
on the Creed, the tenne Commande-
ments, the Sacraments, and the
*Lord's Prayer for the futherope-
ning of the ordinatie
Catechisme.*

Question I.

BY what meanes art thou receiuied
into the Church of God?
Answ. Outwardly by Baptisme, Act. 2. 41. but inwardly
by faith in Christ, Rom. 5. 2.

2. *Quest.* What benefits receiuied you by
Baptisme?

Answ. There: first, I was made a Member
of Christ, 1. Cor. 6. 15.

Secondly, I was adopted the Child of
God, Rom. 9. 26. Gal. 4. 5.

Thirdly I was made the heire of the King-
dome of glory, Rom. 8. 17.

3. *Quest.* Seeing by Baptisme thou art re-
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ceiuied into the Church of Christ , what vse is there of Godfathers and Godmothers therein ?

Ans. First, they did present mee to the Church instead of my Parents, Luk. 2. 22.

Secondly , they made Confession of that Faith, into the which I was to bee baptiz'd.

Thirdly, they promised and vowed on my behalfe, what on my part was to bee performed.

4. *Quest.* What did they promise on your behalfe?

Ans They premised three things : First that I should forsake the three Capitall Enemies of my Salvation, the World, the Flesh and the Devill, I Joh. 3.14. 15.

Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, Act. 16. 31.

Thirdly , that I should keepe all Gods, Commandements all the dayes of my life, Deut. 6. 2.

5. *Quest.* Dost thou think that thou art boud to performe these things promised ?

Ans. Yes verily , in regard of the Covenant which I haue made with God , Hosea 2. 23.

6. *Quest.* Art thou able to performe all these things?

Ans. Not of my selfe, but in some measure

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I am enabled there unto by Gods grace. Philip. 4.12.

7. *Quest.* Your Godfathers and Gedmothers promising that you should forsake the three capitall enemies of your saluation; what is vnderstood by the first of them, the World?

Ans. I doe vnderstand all outward and earthly things, as euill Company, Riches, Honour, Pleasure, and such like, as they are meanes to draw mee from God, 1 John 2.15. & 5.19.

8. *Quest.* What is mant by the Flesh?

Ans. By the flesh I meane our corrupt nature inclined to euill, uncleane lusts, euill desires, whereby our will is often depraued and peruerted, Rom. 7.18. Gal. 5.17.

9. *Quest.* What meane you by the Devil?

Ans. I meane all these spirits of Apostacy, euer at hand to suggest euill motions into mine heart, John. 13.2.

10. *Quest.* Your Godfathers and Godmothers farther promising on your behalfe both Faith and Works; what is to bee knowne concerning these?

Ans. We are to know: First, the nature of them, together with the things to bee believed and done. Secondly, how we may groow and increase in them.

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11. *Quest.* You being then bound to beleue; what is Faith?

Ans. Faith is a grace giuen of God to assure me of his mercy and loue vnto mee in Christ, Rom 8.38. revealed to my minde by the Holy Ghost, Gal. 4. 6. through the Ministerie of the Word, Ioh 17.20. Rom. 10.17.

12. *Quest.* What are these things which wee are to beleue vnto saluation?

Ans. We must beleue all those fundamental points laid down vnto vs in the Word, Ioh. 20.31. the som wherof is expressed in the Creed, commonly called the Apostles Creed.

13. *Quest.* Rehearse the Creed.

Ans. I beleue in G D D the Father Almichtie Maker of Heauen and Earth: And in Jesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was conceiued by the holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Marie, suffered vnder Ponche Pslate; was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into Hell: The third day he arose againe from the dead: He ascended into Heauen, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almichtie: From thence hee shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleue in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholike Church: The communion of Saints: The forgiuenesse of sinnes: The Resurrection of the

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the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

14. *Quest.* Into how many parts is this Creed diuided?

Ans. Into fourre parts, containing twelve Articles: In the first whereof, I am taught to beleue in God the Father, who hath made me and all Creatures, in the first Article.

In the second part, I am taught to beleue in God the Son, who hath redēmed me and all mankind, in the six next Articles.

In the third part, I am taught to beleue in God the Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified me and all the Elect, in the eight Article.

In the fourth part, I am taught to beleue concerning the Church, as is laid downe in the fourre last Articles.

15. *Quest.* What dost thou learne to beleue in the first Article? *I beleue in God the Father Almighty maker of heauen and earth.*

Ans. I learne to beleue fourre things:

Firstly, that there is a God, Isa. 45. 21. 22.

Secondly, that this God is but one, 1 Cor. 8. 6. 1. Tim. 2. 5.

Thirdly, that this one God is distinguisched into thre Persons, Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost, 1 Ioh. 5. 7.

Fourthly, that this one God is Almighty declared so to be, first, by creating all things, Gen. 1. 1. Secondly,

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Secondly, by upholding all things created
by his continuall Providence, Psal. 145. 15,
16. Acts 17.28.

16. *Ques.* This thou belieuest, but what
comfort receapest thou thereby vnto thy selfe?

Ans. First, I doe belieue that God is my
Father, and that I am his child: Ioh.1. 12.
Gal. 3.26.

Secondly, that he being Almighty and I
his Child, he will give me all things needful,
Psal. 34. 10. and preserue me from all dangers
vnto salvation, 2.Tim. 4. 18.

17. *Ques.* Touching the second Article,
why is the Sonne of God called Jesus?

Ans.w. Because hee sauyeth vs from all our
snyes, Mat.1. 31. neither is there Saluation
in any other, Acts 4. 12.

18. *Ques.* Wherefore is he called Christ?

Ans. In regard of his Offices whereunto
he was ordained by God the Father, Ioh.6.
27. and anointed by the holy Ghost, Mat. 3. 16.

19. *Ques.* Which are the Offices of Christ?

An. First his Office Prophetalical to instruct
vs in all things, Deut. 18. 15. Isa. 63. 1.

Secondly, his Priestly Office to redeme
vs, Heb. 7. 21. Heb. 9.11. and to pray for vs,
Rom. 8.34.

Thirdly, his Kingly Office, to raigne ouer
vs

of a Christian.

Vs by his Spirit & Word, Lu.1.33. Act. 2.36.

20. *Ques.* Why is he called the onely begotten Son of God, since we also are the sonnes of God ?

Ans. For that he onely is the Son of God by Nature and Generation, Ioh. 1.14. but we are the sons of God by Grace and Adoption, Rom.8.15. Gal.4.5.

21. *Quest.* What doe you learne that Iesus Christ is the Sonne of God by Nature ?

Ans. Ilearne vnto my comfort that he was very God, Ioh.1.14. and that therefore whatsoever was performed and suffered by him, was infinitely meritaious for our saluation, Act.20.28. 2.Cor.5. 9.Col.1.19.

22. *Quest.* Wherefore is Iesus Christ called our Lord ?

Ans. Because having redēmed our soules from sin and Sathan, he doth challenge vs as his owne, to doe him seruice, Rom. 14. 8. 9 1 Cor. 6.19.

23. *Quest.* What doe you learne out of the third Article ? *Conceived by the Holy Ghost, borne of the Virgin Mary.*

Ans. Ilearne first by his birth, that he was man, that so hee might suffer for my sin, Heb. 2.14. 15.

Secondly, by the manner of his conception by the holy Ghost, and birth of a Virgin, that
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hee was without all manner of sinne, and so
the Sacrifice of himselfe being most pure, it
was precious for our Redemption, 1.Pet.1.19.

24. *Ques.* What learne you out of the fourth Ar-
ticle, *He suffered under Pontius Pilat, was cruci-
fied, dead and buried; hee descended into Hell?*

Ans. I learne that vpon the Crosse he suf-
fered both in his body & soule, Isa.53.5. and
that by his Passion, as by an all-sufficient
Sacrifice, Heb.10.14 hee hath freed my body &
soule, from eternall damnation, 1.Thes. 5.9.
Heb.2.14.15.

25. *Quest.* Why suffered he rather vpon the
Crosse, then by other kinde of death?

Ans. First, because that kind of death was
most shamefull.

Secondly, it was most painefull.

Thirdly, thereby hee tooke vpon him the
curse, D.ut.21.23. to free me from the curse
of the Law, Gal.3.13.

26. *Quest.* Seeing Christ hath thus died for
vs, why yet must all Gods Saints die?

Ans. Not as a satisfaction or penaltie for
sinne, but for two especiall benefits: First,
for that sinne thereby is abolished in my na-
ture, Rom.6.7.

Secondly, death is made an entrance for
our soules, into life eternall, Phil.1.23.

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27. Quest. What learne you by his descent
ion into hell?

Ans. I learne that he was extremely
humbled to the lowest step of dishonour, that
so we all might bee exalted to an high degrē
of Glory, Phil. 2. 8, 9.

28. Quest. Touching the fift Article, what
profit haue we by his Resurrection?

Ans. First, hereby I learns, that he hath
truely conquered Death and Hell, and hath
obtained life and salvation for vs, 1 Cor. 15.
20. 1 Pet. 1. 3, 4.

Secondly, I am thereby enabled to rise
from sinne, and am stirred vp to newnesse of
life, Rom. 6. 4. Col. 3. 1.

Thirdly, thereby I am secured of the rai-
sing of my body, 1 Cor. 15. 20.

29. Quest. What learne you by the sixt Ar-
ticle? He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at
the right hand of God the Father.

Ans. First, hereby hee hath taken posses-
sion of Heaven for vs, securing vs, that we
shall ascend thither after him, John 14. 3.
Ephes. 2. 6.

Secondly, we haue the benefit of interces-
sion, that he prayeth for vs and pleadeth our
cause, Rom. 8. 34. Heb. 9. 24.

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Thirdly,

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Thirdly, by that meanes he hath sent vnto vs the Holy Ghost, to bee a teacher and comforter in his place, John.16.7.

30 Quest. What learne you by his sitting at the right hand of God?

Ans. First, that all power is given vnto him both in heaven and earth, Mat.28.18.

Secondly, that by his power he will save his Church, and destroy his Enemies, Psal. 2.9 Ephes. 4.8.

31. Quest. What learne you out of the seventh Article? From thence he shall come to judge the quicke and the dead.

Ans. Exceeding great comfort, for that he which is our Saviour shall be our Judge, Act.17.31.

Secondly, at that time hee will receive vs and all his elect into glory, Mat.25.34.

Thirdly, by that meanes hee shall destroy all his Enemies, which are also our enemies, 2 Thes, 1.6.7.8.

32. Quest. What learne you out of the third part of the Creed, in the eight Article? I belieue in the holy Ghost.

Ans. First, I learne that the Holy Ghost is God coequal and coeternall to the Father, Acts 5.3,4.

Secondly,

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Secondly, that the Holy Ghost is given
vnto vs to teach vs, to comfort vs, and to sanctifie vs, John. 14.16. Joh. 16.13. Rom. 1.4.

33. Quest. What learne you out of the ninth Article? *The Holy Catholike Church, the Communion of Saints.*

Answ. First, I learne that God hath a Church vpon earth vniversall in regard of persons, times and places, Matth. 23.19. Acts 10.34.

Secondly, that the same consisting of Gods Elect, is sanctified by Christ, Ephes. 5.26, 27.

Thirdly, I am a lively Member of the same Church, 1.Cor.6.15. Ephes.3.2.

Fourthly, that therein there is a fellowship of all Gods Elect, communicating in all the gifts of grace; 1. Corinthians 12.12,13. 1. Ioh. 1.3.

34. Quest. What learne you out of the tenth Article? *The forgiuenesse of sinnes.*

Ans. First, I learne to beleue that all my sinnes are freely forgiuen in Christ, Romans 3.25. Ephes. 17.

Secondly, that being so freely forgiuen, they shall never bee layed to my charge, Esay 1.18.

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35. *Quest.* What learne you out of the eleuenth and twelvith Articles? *The resurrection of the body and life everlasting?*

Ans. I doe learne thre things most comfortable: First, that all men shall bee raised againe at the last day, *Apo.c.20. 13.*

Secondly that our bodies shall arise glorious bodies, *1 Cor 15.42. Phil. 3.21.*

Thirdly, that we all in body and soule united shall live with Christ for ever in his Kingdome, *Ioh. 14. 2. 1 Thes. 4.17.*

36. *Quest.* What profit doth thou get by belieueng all these things?

Ans. First, by this meanes I am iustified before God, even by Faith alone in Christ, *A&t. 13. 39. Phil. 3.9.*

Secondly, by Faith I shall overcome the enemies of my salvation, *1 Iohn. 5.4.*

Thirdly, being iustified, and overcomming, I shall inherit eternall life, *Rom. 8.30. Tit. 3.7.*

37. *Quest.* Why art thou iustified by Faith alone.

Ans. Not because my faith is perfect, and deserueth at Gods hands, *1 Cor. 13. 9.* but because the obedience and righteousness of Christ is made mine in the sight of GOD,

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1 Cor. 1.3. of the which I can no other way
be partaker but by Faith, Rom. 4.22.24.

38. *Quest.* Why cannot good workes iu-
stifie vs in the sight of God?

Ans. Because that righteousnesse which
shall stand in the judgement of God , must
be most perfect, Deuter.27. 26. but our best
workes are imperfect and defiled with sinne,
Psal. 143.2. Hay.64.6.

39. *Quest.* But good words ate the third
thing to which we are bound by the promise
of our Godfathers and Godmothers : where-
fore then must we doe good workes?

Answ. For many great causes : First,in
regard of God.

Secondly, in regard of ourselves.

Thirdly,in regard of Gods Children.

Fourthly , in regard of the Enemies of
our Christian Profession.

40. *Quest.* Why must we doe good workes
in regard of God ?

Ans. First, because it is seruice required
of him : and due vnto him , Luke 1. 74.
Luke 19. 13.

Secondly,in regard of thankfulness vnto
him Psal. 116. 12.

Thirdly, because by that meanes others
may

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may be moued to glorie God, Mat. 5. 16.

41. *Quest.* Why are wee to doe good
workes in regard of our selues?

Ans. First, thereby to make our election
sure vnto our selues, 2 Pet. 1. 10.

Secondly, because they are the way to
glorie, Mat. 7. 14.

Thirdly, in regard of the Reward, and
difference thereof, 1 Cor. 15. 41: 2 Cor. 9. 6.

42. *Quest.* Why must we doe good workes
in regard of Gods Children?

Ans. First, that they may reape the fruit
thereof vnto their good in the workes of mercie,
Philem. 1. 20.

Secondly, that by our example they may
be stirred vp to doe good, Tit. 2. 7.

43. *Quest.* Why in regard of the Enemies
of our profession?

Ans. To stop the mouths of all blasphemous
Aduersaries, 1 Pet. 2. 15. 1 Pet. 3. 16.

44. *Quest.* How many things are requisite in
our workes to make them good?

Answ. There: First, that they bee com-
manded in the Law of God, 1 Sam. 15. 22.
Ephes. 2. 10

Secondly, that they flowe from a true
Faith, Rom. 14. 23. Heb. 11. 6

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Thirdly, that they be dowe to Gods Glorie, 1 Cor. 10. 3 1. 2 Pet. 4. 11.

45. *Ques.* It being requisite to the making of our works good, that they be commended in Gods Law. What meane you by the Law of God?

Ans. I meane the Morall Law, contained in the ten Commandements.

46. *Ques.* Rehearse the Commandements

Ans. G D spake these words, and said, I am the Lord thy G D which haue brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of Bondage.

1 Thou shalt haue none other Gods, but me.

2. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen Image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in Heauen above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water vnder the earth: Thou shalt not bow downe to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God, am a zealous God, and visit the sins of the Fathers vpon the Children, vnto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy vnto thousands in them that loue me and keepe my Commandements.

3 Thou shalt not take the Name of the

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Lord thy God in baine: for the Lord will not hold him guiltesse that taketh his name in baine.

4 Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day: Sixe dayes shalt thou labour and doe all that thou hast to doe: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou & thy Sonne, and thy Daughter, thy Manseruant, and thy Maidseruant, thy Cattell, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in sixe dayes the Lord made heaven & earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, Wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

5 Honour thy Father & thy Mother, that thy dayes may be long in the land which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

6 Thou shalt not murther

7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8 Thou shalt not steale.

9 Thou shalt not bear false witnessesse against thy Neighbour.

10 Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours wife, nor his Servant, nor his maid, nor his ore, nor his asse, nor any thing that is his.

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47. Ques. What is ment by that preface before the Commandements, God spake these words and said, I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage?

Answ. It doth containe four Arguments most forcible to perswade vs to obedience.

First in that it is said, GOD spake these words, I learne that God is the Author of the Ezek. 20. 11.

Secondly, in that it is said, I am the Lord, I learne that he hath authority to command, and power to punish the breakers of his Law Mic. 10. 28.

Thirdly, in that it is said, thy G O D, I learne that wee must obey in regard of the Covenant which wee haue made with him Ezek. 11. 20.

Fourthly, in that it is said, Which brought thee out of Egypt, wee must obey in regard of his mercy & godnesse towards vs, Psal. 116. 12.

48. Ques. How are these Commandements diuided?

Ans. Into two Tables, in the first wherof, in four Commandements, is taught how we ought to behauie our selves towards

out

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The second, in the six last Commandments, teacheth vs what duties wee owe vnto our Neighbours.

49. Quest. What doth God require of vs in the hirt Commandement? *Thou shalt haue none other Gods but me.*

Ans. First, I am forbidden all inward Idolatry, to set vpany Idoll in mine heart, in giving any part of Gods worship vnto it, *Isai. 42. 8.*

Secondly, wee are commanded to worshipe the Lord our God, and him onely must we serue, *Mat. 4. 10.*

50. Quest. Wherein consisteth the inward and spirituall worship of God?

Ans. Chiefly in these fourre things:

First, in learning to know him aright, *John 17.3.*

Secondly, to beleue in him, *John. 14.1.* out of which floweth Prayer for what wee want, and thankfulness for what wee haue received, *Psal 50. 14.*

Thirdly, in loving him aboue all, *Deut. 6. 5. Mar. 16. 37.*

Fourthly, in fearing him aboue all, *Mal. 1. 6. Luk. 12. 15.*

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51. *Quest.* What is required of vs in the Second Commandement? *Thou shalt not make to the self any grauen Image, &c.*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to make any Image to represent God, De. 4.15, 16 Is. 4.8.

Secondly, wee may not make the Image of any Creature, to giue divine worship vnto it, Jer. 2.27 Act 7.41.

Thirdly, I am commanded to worship God as hee hath prescribed in his Word, Mat. 15.9.

52. *Quest.* What is required of vs in this Commandement? *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine?*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to abuse the glorious Name of G D D any manner of way: as,

1. In Coniuring, Deut. 18.11.
2. In cursing, Rom. 12.14.
3. In perjury, Leu. 19.12. Zac. 1.4
4. In idle & vaine swearing, Mat. 5.34.

Secondly, wee are commanded to vse the holy Name of God with reuerence, and honour, Deut. 28.58. 25,

1. In giuing praise vnto it, Ps. 118.28, 29.
2. Thankes, Phil. 4.6
3. Praying vnto it, Psal. 50.15.
4. In

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4. In religious swearing by it, Isay.45. 23.

53. Quest. What doth God require of vs
in the fourth Commandement? Remember
that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day, &c.

Ans. First. we are commanded to gine
rest unto our body and therefore it is called
the Sabbath. Deut.5.14.

Secondly, to doe such Workes whereby
the Sabbath is sanctified: as,

1 In diligent frequenting the publike As-
semblies of the Church, Psalme 68. 26.
Acts 2.42.

2 In reverent hearing the Word, Acts
23.44.

3 In receauing the Sacraments, Act.2.46.

4 In praying publikely and privately,
Acts 16.13.

5 And in giving to the poore 1 Cor.16.2.

Thirdly, I am forbidden to doe the honest
and laborious workes of my Calling , Exod.
16. 23. Sowing in case of necessitie , Luke
13.15.

Fourthly, all sinfull actions and exercises
tending to sinne, as drunkeenesse, dancing,
dalliance, and the like , Rom.13.13,14. E-
phes.5.16.11.

54. Quest. What persons are bound to
keepe

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keepe holy the Sabbath ?

Ans. First, all thou, thy sonne, thy daughter, thy man-servant, thy maid-servant, all of every condition. Exod. 20.10.

Secondly, all Fathers of Families and Magistrates are incyned to take care, that all which doe live vnder them, doe sanctifie it vnto the Lord, Nehem. 13. 17.

55. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs in the fift Commandement ? Honour thy Father and thy Mother, &c.

Ans. First, wee are commandened to loue, feare and obey all our Superiors, chiefly our naturall Parents, Ephes. 6.2.

Secondly, all Magistrates, Rom. 13.1.5.

Thirdly, Our spirituall Pastors, 1 Thes. 5.12. Heb. 13.17

Fourthly, our Masters, Col. 3.22.

Fifthly, our godly Elders, Isa. 3.5. 1 Tim. 5.1.2.

Secondly, wee are forbiddon to hate, despise, or disobey them, either in thought, word or deede, Prou. 20.20. Rom. 13.2.

56. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs in the sixt Commandement ? Thou shalt not kill.

Ans. First, I am forbiddon to preiudice the

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the life of thy Neighbour.

First, by actuall murther, Genes. 9.5, 6.
Mat. 5. 52.

Secondly, by malice, 1 John 3.15.

Thirdly, by mocking, quarrelling, or any
other way to prouoke anger, 2 Sam. 16. 7.
Mat. 26. 22.

Secondly, I am commanded to preserue
his life : First, by defending him, Exodus
2. 13.

Secondly, by loving him, Ephes. 5.2

Thirdly, by vsing all loving behaviour to-
wards him, 4.3.

57. Quest. What doth God require of vs
in the seuenth Commandement? Thou shalt
not commit Adultery.

Ans. God forbiddeth all uncleanenesse in
the flesh, as first, all defiling the body by
actuall Whoredome, Hebrewes 13. 4 Leuit.
18.20.

Secondly, all unclean lusts of the heart,
Ephes. 5. 28.

Thirdly, all unchaste behaviour, either
in word or deed, whereby either wee our
selues or others might bee inticed, Ephes. 4.
29. Ephes. 5.3

Secondly, wee are commanded to keepe
cleane

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cleane bodies, 1 Cor. 6. 19.

Secondly, chaste hearts, 1 Thes. 4. 3, 4.

Thirdly, chaste behaviour in word and gesture.

58. Quest. what is required of vs in the eight Commandement? *Thou shalt not steeale?*

Ans. First, wee are forbidden to wzone our Neighbour in his Goods, First, by actuall Stealing, Leviticus 19. 11. Ephes. 4. 38.

Secondly, by covetousnesse, Ephes. 5. 5. Col. 3. 5.

Thirdly, by all unlawfull getting from him, as,

First, by false Weightes and Measures, Deut. 25. 13.

Secondly, by Usury, Deuteron. 23. 19. Psal. 15. 5. 02,

Thirdly, by any uniusit meanes, 1 Thes. 4. 6.

Secondly, we are comanded to labour; that so, First, wee may eat our owne bread, 2 Thes. 3. 12.

Secondly, that wee may be able to doe good unto others, especially to the poore Saints, Gal. 6. 10. both by hospitality, Hebrew. 13. 2.

and

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59. Quest. What doth God require of vs in
the ninth Commandement? *Thou shalt not
bare false witness against thy Neighbour.*

Answ. First wee are forbidden to speake
sally in witnesse bearing, Exod. 23. 1. Deut.
19. 18.

Secondly, to backbite or slander any, Psal.
15. 2.

Thirdly, to lye, flatter, or dissemble, Psal.
12. 3. Ioh. 8. 44. Ephes. 4. 25.

Secondly, wee are commanded in all
things to speake and maintaine truth, Psal.
15. 2. as,

First in bearing witnesse, Zac. 8. 16.

Secondly, in plainly reproving our Bre-
thren, Levit. 19. 17.

Thirdly, In defending his good Name,
1 Sam. 19. 45. Pet. 4. 8.

60. Quest. What doth God require of vs
in the tenth Commandement? *Thou shalt not
covet thy Neighbourhouse, thou shalt not covet
thy, &c.*

Answ. First, wee are forbidden to give
way to the least motion of unlawfull desire,
concerning that which is our Neighbours,
Jer. 4. 14.

Secondly,

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Secondly, wee are commanded to entertaine and nourish in our soules, all holy and heavenly motions, Rom. 7.22. Col. 3.2.

Ques. Are any of Gods children able to keepe these Commandements perfectly?

Ans. No : First, because we sinne; the best of vs, in many things, Psal. 19.12. Iam. 3.2.

Secondly, because our best workes doe sauer us not the Flesh, and are defective; Isay 64.6. Gal. 5.17.

62. Ques. How shall wee then shunne the curse of the Law, and eternall damnation?

Ans. By faith in Christ, 1. Cor. 1. 30. 2. Cor. 5.21.

63. Ques. Of Faith and Workes we haue hitherto heard, it remaineth that you shew now, by what meanes we may grow in them.

Ans. By vsing all holy exercises, especially these fourre:

First, by hearing and reading the Word of God, Psal. 19.9.1. Pet. 3.2.

Secondly, by mutuall conference, 1 Thes. 5.11.

Thirdly, by receiving the sacraments, Acts. 2.42.

Fourthly, by earnest prayere unto God, for the increase of his Grace, Luke, 11. 13.

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James, 1.5.

64. Quest. First then, what is the Word of God?

Ans. All that Doctrine delivered in the Scriptures of the old and new Testament.

65. Quest. How doe you know it to bee the Word of God?

Ans. Because it was delivered and written by divine inspiration; 2 Tim. 3.16
2.Pet.1.21.

66. Quest. How doe you know that every part of the Scripture was delivered by divine inspiration, and so is indeed the Word of God?

Answ. By many firme Arguments: but especially, five:

First, in the inward testimony of the holy Ghost in mine owne heart, 1. John, 2. 27. 1. Cor. 2.15.

Secondly, by the wonderfull Majestie of the Scriptures, 1. Cor. 2. 14. delivered yet in great simplicity.

Thirdly, by the mighty power of it, in converting souls, Psalm. 19. 7. 2. Corinth. 10.4.

Fourthly, by the matter, which altogether saionreth of heavenly wisdome.

Lastly,

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Lastly, by the continuall consent of all the Scriptures, being written by so many in time so different.

67. *Ques.* You say that receiuing the Sacrament, is one meanes of your spirituall growth: what is therefore a Sacrament?

Ans. A Sacrament is a visible signe of invisible grace, Gen. 17. 11.

68. *Ques.* What are the ends why God did ordaine Sacraments vnto his Church?

Ans. Many: but especially, five:

First, to be badges of our Christian profession.

Secondly, to be signes to set out to our senses the promises of GOD, Genesis 17. 11.

Thirdly, to be as seales to confirme the truth thereof vnto vs, Rom. 4. 11.

Fourthly, to be meanes to conueigh vnto vs inward and spirituall graces, where there is Faith to apprehend them, 1. Cor. 10. 16.

Lastly, to be effectuall meanes of the increase of Faith and Pietie in our hearts, Acts, 2. 46.

69. *Ques.* Who doe make the right vse of the Sacraments?

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Ans. They which are daily confirmed thereby, in Faith and newnesse of life, Acts, 2.42.

70. Quest. How many sorts of Sacraments are there?

Ans. Two sorts, one of the Olde Testament, to assure vs that Christ should come.

Another sort of the New Testament, to assure vs that Christ is already come.

71. Quest. What is a Sacrement of the New Testament?

Ans. It is an outward Signe ordained of GOD, to assure vs, that Christ and all his benefits are made ours, Luke, 22.19. 1. Corinth. 11.24.

72. Quest. How many Sacraments hath Christ ordyned in his Church?

Ans. Two onely, Baptisme, and the Lords Supper, 1. Cor. 10.1,2,3.

73. Quest. What is Baptisme?

Ans. Baptisme is a Sacrement of our new and spirituall birth, Tit. 2.5. wherein by the outward washing of Water, we are taught and assured that our soules are washed from all our sinnes in Christ blood, Act. 2.38. 1. John, 1.7.

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74. *Quest.* Why are Infants baptised, seeing thy doe not yet actually beleue?

Ans. Because the Covenant, and Promises of God doe belong unto them, Gen. 17. 7
Acts. 2. 38. 39.

75. *Quest.* Seeing we are baptised onely in infancy, how hath Baptisme effect to wash away sinnes afterward committed?

Ans. Baptisme hath this effect during our whole life, and is a perpetuall Fountaine ever washing vs, Z ac. 13. 1. while we with a lively Faith doe looke unto the shedding of Christs bloud, Heb. 10. 10. 14.

76. *Quest.* What is the Lords Supper?

Ans. It is a Sacrament, wherein by receiving Bread and Wine consecrated by the Word of God he doth truly offer unto vs, and we do really receive the body and blood of Christ. 1. Cor. 10. 16.

77. *Quest.* Which are the outward signes in the Lords Supper?

Ans. Bread and Wine; Mat. 26. 26. 27.

78. *Quest.* Which is the invisible grace?

Ans. The Body and Blood of Christ, Luke, 22. 19.

79. *Quest.* What doth God teach vs in appointing Bread and Wine, bodily food,

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to be outward signes of the Body and Blood
of Christ?

Ans. Three things : First, that Christ is
the true and lively food of our soules, being
Sacramentally apprehended by Faith,
whereby our spirituall life is supported,
John,6.32.33.34.

Secondly, that all the merits of Christs
Passion, and whatsoever is in him is verily
become ours, Rom 8.32.

Thirdly, hereby wee are taught the
manner of our spirituall vunion with Christ,
that he is inseparably concorporated with
vs, and we with him, John,6. 56. Iohn
15.4.

80. Ques. What is ment by the words of
Institution ? Take,eate, this is my body : and
drinke ye all of this, this is my blood of the New
Testament, which is shed for many ?

Ans. In that Christ saith, Take, he teacheth
us that he is become ours, 1.Cor. 1. 30.

Secondly, in that he saith , Eate, Drinke,
he teacheth us that hee is become one body
with vs, 1.Cor.10. 17.

Thirdly, in that he saith, Which is giuen
for you, which is shed for you , that both these
are not so much his as ours , and that hee
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take them by, and laid him downe for vs
and our salvation, Ioh.10.11.1.Tim.2.6.

Lastly, wee are taught that the right use
of the Sacrament consisteth of those actions,
and that therefore elevation, reservation,
circumgestation, and adoration of the
Sacrament in Popery, is no part of Christ's
ordinance.

81. *Quest.* By what meanes doe wee eate
Christ's Body, and drinke his Blood in the
Sacrament?

Ans. Spiritually by Faith, Ioh.6.35.47.
while in those outward signes wee doe be-
hold Christ crucified for vs.

82. *Quest.* Doe the wicked and vnbelie-
uers eate Christ's body and drinke his blood
in the Sacrament?

Answ. No : because they want Faith.

83. *Quest.* Is the Bread turned into Christ's
Body, and the Wine into his Blood in the
Sacrament?

Ans. No : for so, First, the vnbelieuers
should eate Christ's Body, and drinke his
Blood.

Secondly, we should destroy the nature
of the Sacrament, by taking away the out-
ward signe.

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Thirdly, we shoulde destroy the truthe of his naturall body, by depriving it of the true properties thereof, Heb. 2. 17.

84. *Quest.* What union is there of the outward Signes with the thing signified?

Answ. Onely a sacramentall Union, whereby Christ is so present in our Sacra-ments, as he was in the Ceremonies and Sacraments of the Law, 1. Cor. 10. 3.

85. *Quest.* What change then is there in the outward signe?

Ans. No change in their nature, but onely in use, for that Elements before common, are now consecrated to bee signes of things spirituall and holy, in regard whereof they are holy, 2. Sam. 21. 4.

86. *Quest.* What must wee doe for our preparation before wee come to receiuie the Sacrament?

Ans. Examine our selues, 1. Cor. 11. 28.

87. *Q.* Why must we examine our selues?

Ans. For two causes: First, because the unwoorthy receiver is guilty of the body and blood of Christ, 1. Cor. 11. 27.

Secondly, because he prouoketh God to wrath, and so eateth, and so drinkeith his owne damnation, 1. Cor. 11. 29.

88. *Quest.*

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88. *Ques.* Who are they that receive vno
worthily?

Ans. All they which come irreverently
or without Faith and Repentance renew'd,
Isay, 1.13.15 Tit. 1.15. 1 Cor. 11.27

89. *Ques.* Are all Christians to receiuſ
the Lord's Supper?

Ans. No: onely ſuch are to receiuſ who
both can and doe diligenty examine and
approue themſelves, 1. Cor. 11.28.

90. *Ques.* Wherein are wee to examine
our ſelues?

Ans. In ſoure things: First, whether
we know the true ſenſe and meaning of this
Sacrament, Prou. 19.2.

Secondly, whether we haue a trau and
lively Faith, 2. Cor. 13.5.

Thirdly, whether we finde a true Repen-
tance in our hearts, Isay, 1. 16.

Lastly, whether wee be in Loue and Cha-
ritie with all men, Mat. 5.23.24.

91. *Ques.* You ſaid that Prayer is one
meaneſ of our ſpirituall growth; what
things are requisite in Prayers?

Ans. Many: as namely, firſt, that we pray
unto God through Christ, John, 16.23.

Secondly, with assurance throught Faith
to

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to bee heard Marke, 11.24. James, 1.6.

Thirdly, that our prayers doe flow from
the heart, and be fervent, 1. Corinth. 14. 15.
James, 5. 16.

Fourthly that we bee in charity when
we pray, Math. 11.25. 1.Tim. 2.8.

Fifthly, that wee leane staine, and indeavo
to live according to Gods will, Pial. 66. 18.
John, 19. 31. John, 3.22.

Sixtly, that wee saint not in prayer, but
continue in the exerrise thereof, Luke.18.1.
Col.4.2.

Finally, that our prayers must be framed
according to Gods will, 1. John, 5.14.

92. Quest. When are our prayers framed
according to Gods will?

Ans. When they are made according to
the Prayer which our Lord Jesus Christ
hath prescribed as a rule to frame our
prayers thereby, Math.6.9.

93. Quest. Rehearse the Lords Prayer.

Ans. Our Father which art in Heauen,
hallowed be thy Name : Thy Kingdome
come : Thy will bee done in Earth as it is
in Heauen : Give vs this day our daily
bread ; and forgive vs our trespasses, as we
forgive them that trespass against vs : And
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of a Christian.

lead us not into temptation : But deliver us from euill : For thine is the Kingdome, power and glory for ever, Amen.

94. *Quest.* How many things are principally to be obserued in the Lords Prayer ?

Ans. There : First, what name we are taught to give vnto our God to whom wee make our prayers, Our Father which art in Heaven.

Secondly, the summe of that wee pray for, contained in the sixe Petitions.

Thirdly, a conclusion, giving vs assurance that we shall haue what we aske, For thine is the kingdome, power and glory.

95. *Q.* What comfort doe you conceiue in the name you are taught to give vnto God ?

Ans. First, in that we are taught to call God our Father, we learne that he loueth vs, and is tenderly affected vnto vs, and so will give what wee aske, Mat. 7. 9. 10. 11.

Secondly, in that hee is heavenly, we learne his all-sufficiencie, that he is able to furnish vs with all things necessarie, Gen. 17. Rom. 10. 12.

96. *Quest.* How many things doe the sixe Petitions containe ?

Answ. Two : First, things concerning Gods

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Gods glorie, contained in the three first petitions, whereby we are taught first and principally in our desires to seek & sue for the aduancement thereof. Mat. 6.33.

Secondly, things concerning our owne necessities , contained in the three last , whereby we are taught in a second place to respect our owne wants, and the supplying thereof.

97. *Quest.* What doe you aske of God in the first Petition? *Hallowed be thy name.*

Ans. First, that he so direct vs all, that we might haue in high reverence his gloriouſe Maiestie , Omnipotencie , Wisedome, Merrie , Goodnesse, and Truth, shewed in his Word , and shining in his Creatures, Psal. 19.2. Psal.71.8.Ier.9.24.

Secondly, that his glorious name may never be dishonored by vs either in thought word, or deed , Leviticus 22.31.32.Pro. 3.9 Rom.2.24.

98. *Quest.* What doe you sue for in the second Petition? *Thy Kingdome come.*

Ans. First, that God would raigne daily more and more in vs by his holy word and Spirit, Luk. 17.21.Rō.14.17.2.Cor.10.13.

Secondly, that the Lord would weaken

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the power of ~~Nathan~~, Rom. 16.20. 1.Ioh. 3.8. and of all the wicked which fight for him, Judg. 5.31. Psal. 24.5. Psal. 21.12,13.

Thirdly, that hee would finish these dayes of sinne, and receive vs into glory, Psal. 12.10.

99. Quest. What doe you aske in the third petition? *Thy will bee done in earth as it is in Heaven.*

Ans. First, that we renoucing our owne corrupt wills and affections, Math. 16.24. may obey the holy will of God, Luk. 22.42.

Secondly, that this Obedience may bee performed of vs all faithfully, chearfully, & perfectly, as it is of all Angels in Heaven, Psal. 103.20. 21.

100. Quest. What doe you pray for in the fourth Petition? *Give vs this day our daily Bread.*

Ans. First, that God would gine vs food and rayment, and all things needfull for this life, Pro. 30.8. Psal. 104.27. Psal. 145.15.

Secondly, that hee would sanctifie unto vs his Creatures for our use, that they might be wholesome and comfortable, Deut. 8. 2. 1.Tim. 4.4.5.

Thirdly, that as every day we shall haue wants

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wants, so the Lord would daily by his prouidence supply the same. Mat.6.34. Heb.13.6

101. Quest. What doe you pray for in the fift petition ? Forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them that trespass against vs.

A. First, that God would for Christ's sake forgiue all our sins, Psal. 51. 1. 9. Eph.4.32. Secondly, that we may be directed by him to forgiue one another, Luke, 17. 3. 4.

102. Quest. What doe you leare out of these words ?

Ans. Foure things : First, that all men are sinners, Eccles. 7. 22.

Secondly, that wee must leake for remission of sins, Mat.18.26. Luke.18.13. for we cannot satisfie, Job,9. 3. Mat.18.25.

Thirdly, non can forgiue sins but God, Job,34.3 1. Luk.5. 21.24.

Fourthly, to the malicious man there is no forgiuenesse, Mat.6.15.

103. Quest. What doe you pray for in the Sixt Petition ? And lead vs not into temptation, but deliuer vs from euill.

Ans. First, we pray that our hearts may be so established by grace, that we may bee able to resist all temptations, 1. Cor.10.9. Ephes.6.13.

Secondly

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Secondly, that we may be delivered from that evill one the Devil, and from every past, present, or future evill thing, whether of fault or punishment.

104. *Ques.* What is imported by the conclusion? *For thine is the Kingdome, power and glory, for ever.*

Ans. First, that all power and government is everlastingly invested in the person of God alone, and in none other, and that therefore hee is able to grant what we aske, and no creature can resist him, Ephes. 1. 11. Ephes. 3. 20.

Secondly, that all glory belongeth unto him, and therefore he will grant all these things, so that thereby he is glorified both in himselfe, and in all his Saints, Ier. 33. 9 John, 14. 13.

105. *Ques.* What meaneth this word. *Amen?*

Answ. So bee it, or so it shall be: whereby are shewed two things:

First, a fervent desire to haue what I pray for, Dan. 9 19.

Secondly, an assurance that I shall haue what I aske, 1. John, 5. 15.

Prayers.

A Prayer to be said by Children in
the Morning.

M^Ost gracious God and most loving Father in Christ Jesus, wee gine thee most humble and hearty thankes for all thy blessings so graciously bestowed upon vs, for preserving vs safe both in body and soule vntill this day : good Lord forgive us all our sinnes, and continue thy monted fauors vnto vs : giue vs all things needfull both for our bodies and soules, especially good Father grant that our hearts may be so truely seasoned and established with grace, that as we doe grow in years, so we may also grow vp in Christ Jesus in the true knowledgs of thee, in faith, and in all spirituall and heauenly blessings, that wee serving thee in holinesse and righteousness all the daies of our liues, we may be kept by thy mighty power vnto salvation, through Jesus Christ : In whose name wee pray as he hath taught vs: Our Father which art in Heauen, hallowed bee thy Name, &c.

Prayers.

A Prayer fit for Children to say in the Evening.

O Lord God most gracious and merciful, wee gies thee most hearty thankes for the keeping vs safe this day past from all dangers: pardon whatsoeuer hath bene done vnto vs: as we fall by sinne, so let vs arise againe by true Repentance, and keepe vs this night safe as the apple of thine owne eye, giue vs quiet and comfortable rest, that being restched thereby, we may bee the better enabled to thy seruice the day following, and so throughout our whole liues: and grant, that although our bodies sleepe, yet our soules may euer watch looking alwayes for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ, that when hee shall appeare, we may also appeare with him in glory.

Our Father which art in Heauen, &c.

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Graces.

A Prayer for the Chipping of
Grace before Meate.

O Lord most gracious, which hast given
food for our bodies, sanctifie it unto
vs, and vs worthy selfe, and grant that by
the moderacie vs therof we may be the
better enabled to shew thee in al holynesse and
Christian obedience, through Iesu Christ
our Lord. Amen.

VVE praise and magnific thy Name,
O Lord, for all thy good blessings; i
namely, for feeding our mortall bodies with
materiall food: feed our soules even with
that Bread of life which came downe from
Heauen, that we may liue for ever through
Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God save the Church, our King, Queene,
and Realmes, increase our Faith, forgiue vs
our sinnes, & make vs partakers of his heaven-
ly Kingdome. Amen.

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